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December 12, 2008

Colonel Philip T. Feir
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
District Commander
New England District
696 Virginia Rd.
Concord, Massachusetts 01742

Dear Colonel Feir:

I am writing to convey my appreciation to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) New England District staff for their ongoing cleanup efforts at the Shpack Superfund site under the Formerly Utilized Site Remediation Program or FUSRAP. I was also pleased to learn recently that ACOE has completed a large portion of the remediation, and work on the removal of radiological waste at the Shpack site is expected to be complete by the summer of 2010.

The ACOE's longstanding commitment to this project has provided the citizens of Norton and Attleboro, Massachusetts with a safer, cleaner environment; and the sense of relief this brings cannot be overstated. Through many years of public meetings, presentations and outreach, the ACOE has continued to be courteous and responsive to me and my staff; and I am grateful for your efforts at this site.

I know there is still much to be done before cleanup of the Shpack site is completed, and I look forward to the continued working relationship I have come to enjoy with you and your staff as this cleanup reaches its conclusion.



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The Honorable Robert W. Varney
Administrator
EPA, Region 1
1 Congress Street, Suite 1100
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Dear Administrator Varney:

I am writing to convey my appreciation for the ongoing efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) New England Region as lead agency in the cleanup of the Shpack Superfund site in Norton and Attleboro, Massachusetts. The recent news that the EPA had negotiated a multi-party settlement to ensure the cleanup of chemical waste at the Shpack site is a testament to the commitment of your agency to provide environmental stewardship of our communities and a healthier, cleaner world for our citizens.

I am also pleased that you will have the legal tools necessary to cleanup the chemical waste at the Shpack site once the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completes the radiological cleanup in 2010. Again, thank you for the efforts on this site; and I look forward to working with you and your staff as remediation efforts move forward.


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